

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CASTLEISLAND-CORCA DHUIBHNE HELD IN AREA SERVICES CENTRE, CASTLEISLAND ON WEDNESDAY 15th JANUARY 2020.

MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA CRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH OILEÁN CIARRAÍ-CORCA DHUIBHNE A THIONÓLADH I SEIRBHÍSÍ OILEÁN CIARRAÍ, OILEÁN CIARRAÍ, CONTAE CHIARRAÍ AR AN CÉADA OIN, 15th ÉANAIR, 2020.

PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR

Councillors/Comhairleoirí

**Cllr. M. O' Shea
Cllr. B. Fitzgerald
Cllr. S. Cosáí Fitzgerald
Cllr. J. Healy Rae
Cllr. C. Farrelly
Cllr. B. O' Connell
Cllr. F. Fitzgerald**

In attendance/i láthair

Mr. J. Breen	Municipal District Manager
Ms. A.M. Lynch	Municipal District Officer
Ms. J. McCarthy	Meetings Administrator
Ms. B. Mulryan	E.E. Castleisland-Corca Dhuibhne MD
Mr. T. Brosnan	Administrative Officer Housing Department
Mr. C. Mangan	Senior Executive Engineer Water Services
Mr. B. Mulhern	Executive Engineer
Mr. J. Downes	CO Corporate Services

The meeting commenced at 10.15 am.

Cathaoirleach Cllr. B. Fitzgerald took the Chair. **Cllr. B. Fitzgerald** made the following introduction:

Caithfimid tosnú anois ár gcéad cruinniú i 2020 do Cheantar Bardasach Oileán Chiarraí agus Chorca Dhuibhne. Bá mhaith liom fáilte a thabhairt do gach duine anseo agus ba mhaith liom athbhliain faoi mhaise a rá le gach éinne.

It's time to begin our first meeting in 2020 of the Castleisland & Corca Dhuibhne MD. I want to welcome everyone here and I'd like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. We have a lot of work to get through and after yesterday's announcement I'm sure we'll all be fairly busy this next few weeks.

Before we begin, I'd like to pay tribute to all of the emergency personnel and the Kerry County Council Team who were working during the recent storm and especially to all of the Kerry County Council Team for the great work that they did throughout the Christmas period in the MD. Sometimes this work goes without being

acknowledged and I'd like to say a thank you to each and every one of them here at the start of our MD meeting.

Anois an chéad rud ar an Chlár Oibre.

20.01.15.01. (a) Confirmation of the following Minutes:

1. Meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Castleisland & Corca Dhuibhne held on 20th November 2019;

On the PROPOSAL of **Cllr. B. O'Connell** SECONDED by **Cllr. J. Healy- Rae** it was agreed that the minutes of the meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Castleisland & Corca Dhuibhne held on 20th November 2019 be confirmed.

2. On the PROPOSAL of **Cllr. B. O'Connell** SECONDED by **Cllr. F. Fitzgerald** it was agreed that the Minutes of the Draft Budgetary Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Castleisland – Corca Dhuibhne held on 25th October 2019 be confirmed.

20.01.15.01. (b) Reception of Deputations

1. Deputation from the Parents of School going Children and the Elderly in the vicinity of College Road and Upper Main Street, Castleisland.

Requested by Cllr. B. O'Connell:

The Members and Executive were introduced to **Mr. Tom Hickey**; Spokesperson for the **Scoil Aogáin Parents Association**.

Mr Tom Hickey thanked Cllr. B. O'Connell and Kerry County Council and for allowing the Parents Association to explain their case. The issues are:

- 3 Schools are located along College Road, with chronic traffic congestion and chaotic parking;
- A Nursing Home will be opened there shortly which will exacerbate the problem further;
- No footpaths along the whole road which makes it extremely dangerous for Pedestrians and the elderly residents from the area;

The Residents Association stated that they would wish for co-operation with Kerry County Council for:

- A Full Time Traffic Warden in the area;
- Traffic Survey completed in the area.

Thanking **Mr. T. Hickey**, **Cllr. B. O'Connell** stated that there are lot of factors at play here; the parking is indiscriminate and chaotic, no consideration given

to elderly residents or pedestrians, and people are parking in cavalier fashion. He felt a solution could be reached if there were a proper set down parking area put in place that is monitored by a Full Time Traffic Warden. This will hopefully address the safety of parents and children and respect the safety of elder residents of the area.

Cllr. B. O'Connell suggested that alternative parking solutions could be found at (1) Carnegie Building (2) Rugby Club and by (3) Using the facility at the Ríocht. (4) Investigating the possibility of a Pedestrian Crossing to help with the traffic.

Cllr. B. O'Connell stated that all parties should be invited to discuss their issues and suggest solutions.

Cllr. F. Fitzgerald welcomed the Deputation and thanked them for their presentation. He stated that the traffic issues are a complex issue, with many factors at play. The provision of a Traffic Warden is badly needed to be restored in a Full Time Capacity in the Town.

Cllr. C. Farrelly welcomed the Deputation. He stated that this is an issue for many years. He would like the idea investigated regarding parking at the back of the Carnegie Building (which is just 20 yards away). He also requested that a traffic survey be conducted to assess the viability of a Pedestrian Crossing.

Cathaoirleach Cllr. B. Fitzgerald thanked the Deputation for their presentation and hoped that solutions could be found. He introduced MD Manager **Mr. John Breen** and **MD Engineer Ms. Breda Mulryan** to the Deputation.

Mr. J. Breen MD Manager welcomed the Deputation and thanked them for their presentation. He agreed with the concerns of the group regarding the large concentration of traffic in the area. Driver behaviour is a huge concern in this area. He stated that Kerry County Council will engage with all parties to seek to resolve the issues.

Ms. B. Mulryan MD Engineer thanked the Deputation. She stated that Kerry County Council are somewhat restricted at College Road, as the current Set Down area is not under our control, it belongs to the School. The Members were informed that there will be a parking review taking place for the Castleisland Town, and possible solutions may be found here. **Mr. J. Breen MD Manager** advised that a compromise will be reached with the proper "buy-in" from everyone.

Cllr. M. O'Shea thanked the Deputation for their presentation and empathised with their concerns. He welcomed the suggested actions from the Executive. He hoped that a full time Traffic Warden could be restored to Castleisland. With a little change and co-operation from both sides, a proper compromise can be reached in the area.

Cllr. J Healy Rae welcomed the deputation but also stated that he hoped it would not be like previous deputations who came to Council meetings and nothing happened.

The MD manger **Mr. John Breen** highlighted the fact that he had briefed members at 9.30am prior to the meeting on updates regarding requests from previous deputations and that **Cllr. J. Healy-Rae** was also invited to attend.

At the Meeting it was agreed that:

- Kerry County Council are to Investigate the re-appointment of a Fulltime Traffic Warden in Castleisland that will patrol on Mornings & Afternoons;
- Meeting is to be arranged by Kerry County Council with College Road Schools, the Carnegie Building & Rugby Club regarding Parking;
- Kerry County Council are to undertake Traffic Surveys to decide on the viability of providing a Pedestrian Crossing at College Road.

(c) Business prescribed by statute Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members for transaction at such meeting.

None.

20.01.15.02 Economic and Community Development Directorate.

- (a) It was agreed to note the following report from the Economic & Community Directorate, which was circulated:**

Economic & Community Development Report

Casleisland - Chorca Dhuibhne
Municipal District

DATE: 15th January 2020

Director of Service: Michael Scannell

Business Support Unit (LEO)

Grants

Expressions of interest are presently being sought for core grant aid for the February 2020 Evaluation meeting. Grant aid of €407,023 was approved for new feasibility studies, priming grants and expansion grants in 2019.

The TAME (Technical Assistance for Micro-Exporters) is a grant of up to €2,500 available to businesses who wish to exhibit at overseas trade fairs. 11 trade fair grants have been approved with exhibitions in Japan, Dubai, UK, USA and Northern Ireland. Interest in the Trading Online Voucher Scheme remains strong with 57 applications approved this year. The office has scheduled another Trading Online Voucher Seminar on 21st January with bookings being taken through our website.

Training

The last of the four Autumn/Winter “Start Your Own Business programmes” has just finished. All courses were fully booked. Demand for Digital Marketing and Social Media training around the county continues to be strong and procurement is ongoing for these programmes for 2020. The office currently has a Digital Marketing Programme nearing completion. Other social media business programmes scheduled include Beginners Instagram Marketing for Business, Beginners Facebook Marketing and How to Run Facebook Advertising Campaigns.

Mentoring

Mentoring demand remains strong across the county. Brexit Clinics continue every Wednesday with bookings being taken through our website as well as direct contact through the office.

Microfinance Loans

9 client businesses were assisted in making loan applications to Microfinance Ireland.

Community Development

LEADER Programme

A meeting of the Kerry LCDC led Local Action Group (LAG) was held on the 2nd December 2019. A total of 5 no. projects supported by North East & West Kerry Development CLG (NEWKD) were presented for approval at the meeting. Following a detailed consideration of the information received, all 5 projects were approved for funding with a cumulative total of €84,694.50. In total 300 projects in Kerry with a monetary value of €6,398,558.53 have been approved for funding under the LEADER 2014-2020 programme to date.

Healthy Ireland update 02/12/19

The Healthy Kerry Plan is being developed. It is intended that the plan will be presented to the LCDC at the January 2020 meeting.

Healthy Ireland Fund Round 3 (1st July 2019 – 30th June 2021)

Kerry's LCDC HIF Round 3 application was submitted to Pobal on 19th September. The application identifies 5 actions as well as Community Engagement, Community Mental Health Fund Action and Small Grants Scheme and is seeking €246,050 in funding.

Kerry's Play Policy Review

Targeted stakeholder consultation workshops took place on Tuesday 3rd December to commence consultation on Kerry's Play Policy which was published in 2005.

Dr Carol Barron, Chairperson of Súgradh and national children's play researcher at Dublin City University, facilitated these workshops.

Further consultation will be held in early 2020 on the draft policy with presentation to the full Council for adoption in due course.

Kerry Age Friendly Programme Update

Representatives from the World Health Organisation will make a special presentation to the Irish Age Friendly Programme on 16th December in Slane, Co. Meath. Ireland is the first country in the world to achieve WHO Age Friendly status. This means that Ireland as a country has been recognised as working towards an age friendly society. Kerry achieved World Health Organisation Age Friendly programme affiliation in July 2018 as part of this process.

Kerry PPN Secretariat

The Kerry PPN have undertaken their elections with regards to the Secretariat. The PPN Secretariat is the elected group of members who act as the administrative body of the PPN. It comprises of one representative from each Municipal District area and two representatives from each of the Electoral Colleges of Community / Voluntary, Social Inclusion and Environment. Gillian Wharton Slattery election to the Secretariat from the Tralee Municipal District has been ratified.

The PPN is represented on the Councils five '**Strategic Planning Committees**' (SPCs); Joint Policing Committee JPC; and the Local Community Development Committee LCDC. These committees have members from a variety of backgrounds some are councillors, some from community groups, some are council staff, and some people are from business agricultural or trade union backgrounds. In total, there are 9 seats available to the PPN within these committee structures. Elections to the committees took place during the week of 2nd to 9th December. Membership was ratified at the council meeting of December 16th.

The PPN representatives nominated to the Kerry LCDC were ratified at the December LCDC meeting and are as follows:

Community and Voluntary Pillar: Gillian Wharton Slattery; Marilyn Counihan

Social Inclusion Pillar: Maura Fitzgerald; John Spillane

Environmental Pillar: Bill Morrell

Pride of Place 2019

The Kerry Camino Walk and the migrant support service offered by the Welcome Group Kenmare were honoured at the all-Ireland 2019 Pride of Place Awards held in Kilkenny on Saturday 30 November. The Kerry Camino took stop spot in the Community Tourism category, while the Welcome Group received a special award for their work in the promotion of good community relations.

The judges said of the Camino that they were “treated to a story of a community, deciding to get up and do something for themselves, which involved little state funding, multiple agencies and great local support, resulting in a fantastic sustainable tourism product.”

900 representatives from counties across Ireland gathered in the Lyrath Estate Hotel for the awards, hosted by Kilkenny County Council. The Pride of Place competition is sponsored by IPB Insurance and was initiated 18 years ago through a Co-operation Ireland programme to acknowledge the invaluable work undertaken by volunteers and those involved in local community development.

It has grown into the largest competition recognising community development achievements on the island of Ireland.

The awards are about recognising and celebrating the extraordinary, inspirational tireless work being done by communities all over the Island of Ireland as they strive to make their place a better place in which to live.

All in attendance on the night were invited to participate in the annual guided walk of the Camino on the May Bank Holiday event starting on Friday 1st May 2020.

Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership (KRSP)

Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership (KRSP), through the support of Sport Ireland's increased investment into the national local sports partnership network, is focussing on increasing the staff compliment to four full-time staff, inclusive of the Community Sports Development and Social Inclusion Disability Officers.

January 18th 2020 was designated as the National Operation Transformation Walk Day.

Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP)

SICAP Annual Plan

Local Development Companies (LDCs) are required to submit a SICAP annual plan to the LCDC, setting out their proposed SICAP plan for the coming year. The annual planning process provides LDCs with an opportunity to reflect on their work and identify emerging trends to be addressed in the Lot area. The annual plan outlines the proposed actions for the following year and the targets and outcomes that will be achieved as a result and includes costings. The three horizontal themes of the programme (Equality, Community Development and Collaboration), must be incorporated into the planning process. The role of the LCDC is to review and approve the annual plan and assess it to ensure it is in line with local priorities and with the SICAP Programme Requirements. The timeline for uploading the Annual Plan was 22nd November 2019.

SICAP Budget potential increase for 2020

The Department has sought a 3% overall increase to the SICAP funding allocation for 2020 to be confirmed in December in line with the national budgetary process. The Annual Plan must highlight how the additional budget will be spent.

Tourism Development

CMT Stuttgart 2020

Representatives of the Dingle Peninsula Tourism Alliance and the Dingle Way Committee attended CMT Stuttgart which took place from the 11th to the 19th January. Kerry County Council, working closely with the Destination Kerry Tourism Forum and tourism providers across the county, arranged to attend CMT Stuttgart which attracted over 260,000 visitors and over 2,600 exhibitors. The number of German tourists to the peninsula and the Kerry area has been increasing steadily in recent years supported by the Kerry participation at CMT and direct flights to Kerry from Frankfurt Hahn and Berlin.

Holiday World Show Dublin 2020

The Castleisland area and the Dingle Peninsula will be represented at the Holiday World Show in Dublin which took place in the RDS from Friday 17th to Sunday 19th January. Kerry County Council in conjunction with the Destination Kerry Tourism Forum are coordinating a large Kerry exhibition space at the Holiday World Show in Dublin's RDS which took place from the 24th to the 26th January. With 50,000 attendees expected, this event is Ireland's largest and best-attended annual exhibition and is an ideal opportunity for the tourism trade in the county to promote and market Kerry. Several tourism businesses from the Castleisland and Dingle areas have provided special offers/promotions for visitors to the stand.

After the report was reviewed, **Cllr. S. Cosáí Fitzgerald** queried about the travel behaviour of German visitors. In reply, Meetings Administrator Ms. J. McCarthy stated that **Fáilte Ireland** provide quarterly travel statistics and consumer demographics segmented by market. In addition, she stated that Germans tend to favour activity-based holidays, they travel in family groups and tend to stay longer, and as such are an extremely important demographic to focus on. In response to another query from **Cllr. M. O'Shea** regarding walking brochures and Loop Walks, **Ms. J. McCarthy** advised that the Tourism Department of Kerry County Council are developing a brand-new tourism website for Kerry. Websites, along with apps are the way forward for tourism providers to market their businesses in 2020.

(a) Notices of Motion

None.

(c) Questions

1. **Cllr. F. Fitzgerald:** Could Kerry County Council consider rezoning more land in the Castleisland area for Industrial/Mixed purposes?

REPLY: Planning Policy including land use zonings with respect to Castleisland are contained in the Killarney MD Local Area Plan 2018 -2024. A review of the Planning policy for Castleisland will occur shortly before the expiration of this plan in 2024. Land use policies including the location and quantum of lands zoned for Industrial/Mixed purposes may be considered as part of this process.

Cllr. F. Fitzgerald Welcomed the reply and would be happy to be involved with the plan in some capacity.

2. **Cllr. F. Fitzgerald:** Can Kerry County Council do its utmost to apply to the relevant authorities for funding to upgrade the Glounsharoon Viewing Point in the coming year?

REPLY: As advised at the last Municipal District Meeting held in Dingle in November we have arranged for feedback from the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs regarding our application for funding under the Town and Village Renewal scheme to ascertain if we can improve our application for funding for a future funding call in 2020 and as also advised at the last meeting , this matter would be reviewed and we have given a commitment that we would revert to the MD members by the end of Quarter 1 2020 regarding alternative funding sources for this project . The proposed enhancement of the area at Glounsharoon is subject to accessing available grant funding.

3. **Cllr. J. Healy-Rae:** What plan does the Management of this MD Area have in relation to the Glounsharoon viewing point for 2020 following the failure to attract funding?

REPLY: As advised at the last MD meeting held in Dingle in November we have arranged for feedback from the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs regarding our application for funding under the Town and Village Renewal scheme to ascertain if we can improve our application for funding for a future funding call in 2020 and as also advised at the last meeting, this matter would be reviewed and we have given a commitment that we would revert to the Municipal District members by the end of Quarter 1 2020 regarding alternative funding sources for this project. The proposed enhancement of the area at Glounsharoon is subject to accessing available grant funding.

In response to Notices of Motion 2 & 3, **MD Manager Mr. J. Breen** reminded the Members that the Executive are awaiting the feedback from the grant funding applications and will update the Members on the findings when they are available.

20.01.15.03 Water, Environment, Fire & Library Services Directorate.

(a) It was agreed to note the following report from Water, Environment, Fire and Library Services Directorate which was circulated:

Water, Environment, Fire & Library Services Report

Castleisland-Corca Dhuibhne Municipal District

DATE: January 13th, 2020

Director of Service: John Breen

Environmental Protection

Business Unit Manager: Gerard O'Brien SEO

National Waste Enforcement Priorities 2020

We have recently been notified by the Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment of the National Waste Enforcement Priorities for 2020. The following enforcement priorities have been agreed:

Tackling significant illegal waste activity

Enforcement actions to prevent, detect and prosecute those involved in dumping activities with an emphasis on unauthorised operators including skip hire companies and man in the van activities. Enforcement of byelaws which require householders to demonstrate how their waste is being managed and identification of unauthorised waste collectors advertising on-line should continue to be prioritised. Synergies with the 2020 national Anti-dumping initiative should be developed to support local authorities in pursuance of this priority.

Construction and Demolition Activity

The unauthorised disposal of construction and demolition waste by C&D operators including skip hire companies with the focus on the management and movement of this material and to ensure that appropriate controls are in place at source.

End-of Life Vehicles (ELV) Directive

A targeted inspection programme of inspections of Authorised ELV sites and ELV operators and coordinated actions against unauthorised ELV sites and ELV operators will be undertaken. In addition, local authorities should undertake appropriate inspections to ensure compliance by waste facility operators with the enhanced traceability requirements introduced through S.I. No. 320/2014 - Waste Management (Facility Permit and Registration) (Amendment) Regulations 2014.

Waste Collection- Household & Commercial

Ensure compliance with waste collection permits, including the continued roll-out of the Brown Bin in designated areas and compliance by the commercial sector with

the segregation requirements of S.I. No. 508 of 2009- Waste Management (Food Waste) Regulations 2009.

Multi-Agency Sites of Interest

□ Sites which may contain waste that has been deposited without authorisation and where there are reasonable grounds to believe that there is ongoing illegal activity should be identified by local authorities and the relevant WERLA office informed in order that multi-agency responses can be initiated in a timely manner.

Environmental Services Activity Report 2019

Civic Amenity Site Transactions

January – November 2019

Accumulative Waste Transactions for All Waste Stations

Year	Weighbridge Transactions	% of weigh bridge transactions as % of Total transactions	No. of bags transactions	% of bag tickets sold as % of total transaction	Total no. of Transactions
2019	15,257	20%	62,227	80%	77,484

Recycling – Accumulative Sales for All Sites

2019 Eco sense bags sales = 24,103

Accumulative Waste and Recycling Tonnage for All Sites

Year	Weighbridge Waste Tonnage	Recycling Tonnage for Eco Sense Bags
2019	3974.84	474.24

Dogs Statistics January – November 2019

Number of Dog Licences Issued	15,761
Number of Dogs Fines issued	91
Number of dogs Rehomed	252

Fire Service

Business Unit Manager: Mr. Andrew McIlwraith, Chief Fire Officer

Operation of the Fire Brigade Service:

- There were **1,199 mobilisations** up to end of November 2019 compared to **1,109** mobilisations for the same period in 2018 which represents an 8% increase.
- Gorse fires at 253 were up from 197 for the same period last year. This is a 28% increase. This is on par with last month's percentage increase and indicates a levelling off of gorse fire mobilisations in the county.
- Chimney fires were at 74 which is down from 110 for the same period last year; a 32.7% decrease
- Road Traffic Collisions were at 122 is marginally up on the 117 figures from the same period last year.

	2018	2019
	Jan-Nov	Jan-Nov
<i>FIRE OPERATIONS - DETAILS OF OPERATIONAL WORK</i>		
<i>Fires Number</i>		
Chimney Fires	110	74
Gorse Fires	197	253
Other Fires	228	188
Total	535	515
<i>Special Services Number</i>		
Entrapment	26	22
Gas/Chemicals	1	6
Hazardous substances in transit not involving fire	0	2
Hazardous Substances non-Transit	0	4
Machinery	1	2
Miscellaneous	84	92
Other Rescue	33	44
Rescue/Removal of persons from water	2	8
Road traffic accident	117	122

Water pumping/flooding	9	11
Total	273	313
<i>False Alarms Number</i>		
Malicious	5	13
Good Intent	127	151
Total	132	164
<i>Total Number of Incidents</i>	940	992
<i>Total Number of Mobilisations</i>	1,109	1,199
<i>BUILDING CONTROL- DETAILS OF OPERATIONAL WORK</i>		
<i>Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received</i>	141	175
<i>Disability Access Certificate Applications Received</i>	114	117
<i>Commencement Notices Received</i>	516	454

Fire Safety and Prevention:

- There were further Annual Licensing Court sittings in November with notifications received by the Fire Authority of licensing applications before the Courts. Fire Officers carried out Inspections of premises on foot of notifications received and forwarded recommendations to the relevant Courts during November 2019.
- Fire Officers continued with inspections of premises in respect of complaints and as otherwise required.

Building Control:

- The number of Commencement Notices / 7 Day Notices received to the end of November 2019 was **454** which is a:
 - 12% **decrease** on the figure of **516** for the same period last year.
- The building control section continues to process Disability Access Certificate applications and Fire Safety Certificate applications. Up to the end of November 2019 a total of **117** Disability Access Certificate applications and a total of **175** Fire Safety Certificate applications had been received. This represents:
 - 2.6% increase in Disability Access Certificate applications, and
 - 24.1% increase in Fire Safety Certificate applications

over the same period in 2019.

Library Services

Business Unit Manager – Tommy O'Connor, Co. Librarian

- **Library Promotion campaign 2020**

The Local Government Management Agency [LGMA] is co-ordinating a libraries promotion campaign nationally in early 2020, funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development.

The campaign, which is being designed following a tender process by advertising and media agencies Ogilvy and GroupM, will feature radio advertising, cinemas, online TV or TV on Demand, websites, social media, etc. A national launch event will take place mid-Feb followed by the roll-out of the campaign. The overall tagline for the campaign is '**Take a Closer Look**'.

It is proposed that Saturday, 29th February [the Leap Day 2020] will be an Open Day for libraries nationally, when members of the public will be invited into libraries to view the services that are on offer. All Kerry Libraries are open each Saturday and staff will be on hand to meet and greet new or returning members on that day with some events and induction tours taking place at each library. The main message is to welcome the public to come in, look and discover the wide range of services libraries offer. This theme will play through all marketing, advertising and PR activity.

- **Historian in Residence**

A Historian in Residence will take up a 3-month contract position with Kerry County Council in early January 2020. This contract position is funded under the Historian in Residence Grant Scheme 2019 as part of the Kerry County Council Decade of Centenaries programme. The Historian will be based at Kerry Library Headquarters, Tralee and will work under the direction of Kerry Library staff to identify themes, events and notable figures; co-ordinate research work and timelines; meet community groups and to promote interest and engagement in history among a non-academic audience. Initial work will focus on the identification of Kerry material for the period 1912 - 1922 held at Kerry Library and at national institutions such as the National Library and the National Archives.

- **Kerry Library events programme**

Details of events at all libraries available at www.kerrylibrary.ie

CASTLEISLAND AND CORCA DHUIBHNE
Clár Infheistíochta na Seirbhísi Uisce Comhairle Contae Chiarraí
Achoimre Stádais ar an 3ú Eanáir 2020
Kerry County Council Water Services Investment Programme
Status Summary at 3rd January 2020

Funding Priorities for Capital Projects

Irish Water has indicated that it will prioritize funding for capital projects based on the key issues to be addressed:

In Water, priority will be given to any Scheme to which a Boil Water Notice (BWN) applies and to any Scheme on the EPA Remedial Action List (RAL) and/or on a legal Direction from the EPA.

In Wastewater, priority will be given to towns (agglomerations) to which ECJ Rulings apply, and on meeting the requirements of the EPA Discharge Licences.

IRISH WATER'S CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

The Schemes in the Castleisland and Corca Dhuibhne Municipal District which are included in Irish Water's national draft **Capital Investment Programme 2020 - 2024** are outlined in this table.

TIONSCNAIMH FUIOLLUISCE CEANTAR OILEÁN CHIARRAÍ agus CHORCA DHUIBHNE	
WASTEWATER PROJECTS IN THE CASTLEISLAND AND CORCA DHUIBHNE AREA	
Project	Status
Castlemaine Waste Water Treatment Plant	Proposed major upgrade of the Waste Water Treatment Plant and minor sewer pipelaying works ; Contractor Glan Agua has commenced work – likely completion in Q1, 2020.
Annascaul Waste Water Treatment Plant	Proposed Integrated Construction Wetland : Preferred site identified; Site Inspection completed; Feasibility Study submitted to Irish Water; Valuer to be appointed by IW for the Land Acquisition process; One of 8 plants in Kerry investigated under IW's National Certificate Of Authorisation Programme (NCAP). The Consultant's Reports are awaited.
Ceann Trá Waste Water Treatment Plant	Proposed Integrated Construction Wetland : Preferred site identified; Site Inspection completed; Feasibility Study submitted to Irish Water; Valuer to be appointed by IW for the Land Acquisition process; One of 8 plants in Kerry investigated under IW's National Certificate of Authorisation Programme (NCAP). The Consultant's Reports are awaited.
Baile An Fheirtéaraigh Waste Water Treatment Plant	Proposed waste water treatment plant upgrade ; One of 8 plants in Kerry investigated under IW's National Certificate of Authorisation Programme (NCAP). The Consultant's Reports are awaited.
Knocknagoshel Waste Water Treatment Plant	Proposed Integrated Construction Wetland : Preferred site identified; Site Inspection completed; Feasibility Study submitted to Irish Water; Valuer to be appointed by IW for the Land Acquisition process; One of 8 plants in Kerry investigated under IW's National Certificate of Authorisation Programme (NCAP). The Consultant's Reports are awaited.

Castlegregory Waste Water Treatment Plant	Proposed WWTP Upgrade; KCC has made a submission to IW, requesting funding of €1.2M; New site, contiguous to existing WWTP, has been acquired; The publication of Irish Water's final Capital Investment Programme 2020 – 2024 awaited. EPA inspection carried out on 19/12/19 and the Report is awaited.
Castleisland Waste Water Treatment Plant	A review of the performance of Castleisland WWTP (not including the sewer pipes' network) has recently been completed by Mott McDonald Consulting Engineers and this Report is now being considered by Irish Water.

IRISH WATER MINOR CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

This is a rolling programme of **Minor Improvement Works**. The list of **current** projects, for which funding has been allocated in this district, is outlined below.

MINOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME for the CASTLEISLAND and CORCA DHUIBHNE AREAS			
Project	Description	Estimate	Status
An Mhuiríoch Baile Breac WSS Cill Chúile	Replace 1500M of 110MM watermains	€160,000	Complete except for Road Restoration
Inch RWSS	Water Treatment Plant - Upgrade Sand Filters	€50,000	Underway
Central Regional WSS	Replace 950M of 200MM cast iron watermains Blennerville to Tonevane Cross	€250,000	Approved – February 2020
Approximate Total of <u>APPROVED</u> Works not yet done:		€275,000	

THE RURAL WATER PROGRAMME

The administration and development of the Group Scheme sector continues to be a function of the Local Authorities under the guidance and supervision of the **Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government**. **Irish Water has no authority, responsibility or involvement**. The national **Rural Water Programme 2019 – 2021** was published by the DoHP&LG in October.

Substantial funding has been allocated for Upgrade-Prior-To-Takeover Works (mains' replacement etc) at **Brosna, Lyreacrompane, Fahaduff - Laccamore and Shanahill Middle** Group Water Supply Schemes.

Takeover of Group Schemes

Responsibility for the Takeover of Group Schemes has transferred to Irish Water since its inception, **and KCC is no longer in a position take over Group schemes.**

Irish Water has developed a protocol to facilitate the Takeover of Group Schemes.

FIND and FIX PROGRAMME

The **Find and Fix Programme** is a specially funded, countywide, capital project which was set up to search for leaks in the public water pipes and repair them.

The project was commenced in January 2018 and involves the deployment of **three new Kerry County Council van crews** comprising one 'Find' van crew and two 'Fix' van crews. There is also the current deployment of one van crew from Coffey Northumbrian Limited, the Irish Water appointed contractor whose 'Find' van crew is helping in building a repository of potential leak locations for follow-on investigation and repair by the **Fix** van crews. **Tralee Town has been the initial focus area of the Find and Fix Programme in Kerry.**

Work, some at night, on this county-wide project has been ongoing over the Summer and Autumn at **Dingle** and **Castleisland**.

Noting the report, Cllr. S. Cosaí Fitzgerald requested that Coillte be contacted in order to ask them to remind landowners of their obligation to maintain their fire breaks.

(b) Notices of Motion

1. **Cllr. F. Fitzgerald:** The sewerage scheme at Brosna currently discharges into the Clydagh River and is operating at full capacity for some years now. Can the relevant authorities be asked to check the ability of the sewerage scheme to handle its workload and the effectiveness of this?

REPLY: The upgrade of the existing Sewerage Scheme in Brosna is included in Irish Water's National Certificate of Authorisation Programme (NCAP), under which over five hundred waste water treatment sites across the country are to be assessed to identify any works required to ensure that the discharges meet the requirements of the Water Framework Directive.

An engineering consultant, appointed by IW, is working on identifying the upgrade works required and Site Assessment Reports are to be prepared for all these NCAP sites. There is no indication yet from Irish Water regarding a programme of works to follow this assessment process.

Cllr. F. Fitzgerald noted the response.

2. **Cllr. B. Fitzgerald:** That Kerry County Council adopts a 'Cut Less, Cut Later' policy in relation to road verges so that wildflowers are allowed to flower for pollination to occur.

REPLY: The proposal for the development and adoption of a policy to reduce the level of cutting of roadside verges to increase the potential for wildflower

pollinators to become established and bloom will be referred to the Environment, Climate Change and Emergency Planning SPC for consideration and policy development.

Response welcomed by **Cllr. B. Fitzgerald**, who is happy for this to go to the Environment, Climate Change and Emergency Planning SPC.

(c) Questions

- 1. Cllr. B. Fitzgerald:** What are Irish Water's plans in relation to a sewerage scheme in Clohane and when can we hope for this to begin?

REPLY: The upgrade of the existing Sewerage Scheme in An Clochán is included in Irish Water's National Certificate of Authorisation Programme (NCAP), under which over five hundred waste water treatment sites across the country are to be assessed to identify any works required to ensure that the discharges meet the requirements of the Water Framework Directive.

An engineering consultant, appointed by Irish Water, is working on identifying the upgrade works required and Site Assessment Reports are to be prepared for all these NCAP sites. There is no indication yet from Irish Water regarding a programme of works to follow this assessment process.

Cllr. B. Fitzgerald was satisfied with the response.

20.01.15.04 Housing Directorate

- (a) It was agreed to note the following report from the Housing Directorate, which was circulated:**

HOUSING DIRECTORATE REPORT

CASTLEISLAND / CORCA DHUIBHNE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

DATE: 15TH JANUARY 2020

Director of Service: Martin O' Donoghue

Housing Report – CASTLEISLAND / CORCA DHUIBHNE

Municipal District

- Housing Applications

	No
Current no. of approved applicants on the housing list who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	894
Net Need for Castleisland/Corca Dhuibhne MD (excluding transfers)	580
No. of applications received this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	161
No. of applications approved since the start of this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	152

Breakdown by Bed No.

1-Bed	426
2-Bed	248
3-Bed	188
4-Bed	31
5-Bed	1
Total	894

- Void Management

Municipal District breakdown	No
Current no. of dwellings under repair and unallocated	0
Current no. of dwellings under repair and allocated	0
Current no. of dwellings awaiting repairs	8
Current no. of repaired dwellings awaiting allocation	2
Current no. of repaired dwellings allocated awaiting occupation	3
Total No of Vacant dwellings in Municipal District	13

- Social Housing Options

Social Housing Options in MD	New tenancies since the start of the year	Current No of tenancies
LA Housing	22	634
RAS	4	98
Leasing	5	47
HAP	33	109
Total no of Tenancies	64	888

4 Housing Construction/Acquisition Programme

Schemes/S.R. dwellings at planning/design stage in Municipal District

<u>Location</u>	<u>No of dwellings</u>	<u>Type of dwellings</u>	<u>Estimated start date</u>	<u>Estimated completion date</u>
Knockawinna, Brosna	Single Rural Dwelling	Single Rural Dwelling	Apr 2020	Feb 2021

Schemes/ S.R. dwellings under construction in Municipal District

<u>Location</u>	<u>No of dwellings</u>	<u>Type of dwellings</u>	<u>Start date</u>	<u>Estimated completion date</u>
Cuirt Eaglaise, Milltown	8	4no. 2 bed 4no. 3 bed	Jan 2019	Dec 2019

House Acquisitions since the start of the year

<u>Location</u>	<u>No of dwellings</u>	<u>Type of dwellings</u>	<u>Month of purchase</u>
Milltown	1	4 Bed	February
Dingle	1	3 Bed	June
Castleisland	1	3 Bed	August
Dingle	1	3 Bed	October
Milltown	1	3 Bed	November
Milltown	1	3 Bed	December
Castleisland	1	3 Bed	December

5 Maintenance/Improvement of Housing Stock

Since 1st January 2019, 872 requests for repairs have been received for the Castleisland / Corca Dhuibhne Municipal District.

6 Housing Adaptation /Housing Aid for Older People Grants

Since 1st January 2019, 140 grants have been allocated in the Castleisland / Corca Dhuibhne Municipal District.

7 Bedroom Extensions

Since 1st January 2019, no bedroom extensions have been allocated in the Castleisland / Corca Dhuibhne Municipal District.

Noting the report, **Cllr. J. Healy-Rae** requested whether Kerry County Council had the numbers of people who refuse houses that are offered? In reply, **Mr. T. Brosnan** stated that there was a 17.5% refusal rate in 2019. He informed the Members that the Housing Investigation Officer knows the applicants and of any issues/reasons why they may turn down Local Authority Houses that are offered.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae added that in his opinion the Housing Department need to analyse how refusals are dealt with. He feels that 2 offers to prospective tenants may be generous, and there must be more concrete reasons why individuals turn down a Council property. In response, **Mr. T. Brosnan** stated that the Housing Department monitor the situation very closely before any offers are issued to prospective tenants.

Cllr. M. O'Shea queried as to whether housing applicants could be allocated to properties in Castlemaine, Lispole, Annascaul, rather than Milltown. Both National and Secondary schools are at capacity levels in the village. Some students within the catchment area are not being accepted at Milltown schools due to high capacity. He welcomed the recent housing development in the Village and the excellent standard of the accommodation, but Milltown is nearing its maximum capacity. Coupled with the lack of a GP service in the village, he stated that Milltown is in crisis mode.

(b) Notices of Motion

1. **Cllr. J. Healy-Rae:** That the shed at An Caisl an M r Castleisland finally be moved. This location has been the subject of anti-social behaviour that has been ongoing for some time.

REPLY: This 'shed' houses the Lawn Mower for the cutting of grass in the estate (which is managed by the Residents Association). The Housing Department intends meeting with a representative of An Caisl an M r Residents Association to explore possible alternative locations. It should be pointed out however that Anti-Social behaviour is a matter for the Gardai.

Mr. T. Brosnan, AO Housing added that the Residents Association would like to discuss the matter further before the shed is moved. Once a decision is reached, Kerry County Council will act as advised.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae was satisfied with the response.

2. **Cllr. J. Healy-Rae:** That this MD area would formally set dates for information evenings in both Castleisland and Dingle in relation to informing the public what is available to them in relation to Vacant Properties and that officials from the Planning Department would be in attendance.

REPLY: This matter was previously discussed with the MD members and we are arranging to hold an information evening in February, probably in the Library, which will include information on re using vacant or derelict buildings. The information will relate to and focus on town centre renewal, reuse of buildings, removing the perceptions regarding difficulties on the Planning / Fire certification front. Housing supply elements such as the Repair and Lease Scheme, the option of a long-term lease to the Kerry County Council etc. will also be explored.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae was satisfied with the response.

(c) Questions

None.

20.01.15.05 Roads, Transportation & Marine Directorate

- (a) It was agreed to note the following update report from the Roads, Transportation & Marine Directorate which was circulated:

**Update Report from the Director of Roads, Transportation & Marine
15th January 2020**

Castleisland & Corca Dhuibhne Municipal District Meeting

1. Roads / Transportation

Design and Construction works on the following projects over the next two months

National Roads- Major Schemes

N22 Farranfore to Killarney- 2020 Allocation €500K

Tenders for Technical Consultancy Services were received in December 2019 and are being assessed. Consultants will be appointed in Q1 2020 and will advance the scheme from Planning and Design Stage through to the Statutory Process over the next four to five years.

National Secondary Pavement and Minor Works – Road Widening and Realignment - Design

N70 Milltown Bypass - 2019 Allocation - €200k

- The Route Selection Report is due to be completed in February 2020. Work on the Preliminary Design of the preferred Route Option will commence in Q1 2020 followed by the Statutory Planning Process in Q2/Q3 2020.

N86 Dingle to Annascaul & Gortbreagoge to Camp -2020 Allocation- €1.4M

- Land acquisition is ongoing and approximately 70% complete.

N86 Ballynasare Lower to Annascaul and Doonore North to Ballygarret - 2020 Allocation- €1M:

- The Detailed Design and preparation of Tender Documents for this scheme will be complete in 2020.
Topographical Surveying/ Archaeological Testing and Ground Investigations will be carried out in coming months.

National Secondary Pavement and Minor Works – Road Widening and Re-alignment Construction

N86 Lispole to Ballynasare Lower & Ballygarret to Camp -2020 Allocation- €1M

- Works are complete and snagging is ongoing.
- Funding provided in 2020 will facilitate the resolution of a Final Account Settlement.

N70 Kilderry Bends -2020 Allocation- €175K

- Works to the old road will be carried out in 2020.

Regional and Local Roads

Restoration Improvement Programme

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Restoration Maintenance Programme

All 2019 Projects are complete, and Kerry County Council is currently awaiting the 2020 Grant funding details from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport.

Specific Improvement Grants

<i>Description</i>	<i>Status</i>
Dingle Inner Relief Road - Phase 5	Kerry County Council have informed the Department of Transport, Tourism and that the Council intend to prepare a Preliminary Appraisal Report for the next Phase of the Dingle Inner Relief Road to make the link through to the R559.

All Areas

Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Works.

Drainage maintenance, footpath maintenance, pothole and patch repairs.

2. OPW Minor Flood Mitigation Works and Coastal Protection Scheme

Ongoing Studies and Works:

The OPW has approved funding to carry out Coastal Flood and Erosion Risk Management (CFERM) Studies at Tralee Bay (Ballyheigue to Brandon Point) and Dingle Harbour East (Inch/Castlemaine/Cromane/Rossbeigh).

The Tralee Bay Study is underway by Malachy Walsh and Partners with Final Report expected mid-2020.

The Dingle Harbour East (Castlemaine Harbour) has been commenced by RPS Consulting and this study will take approx. 12 months to complete (end 2020).

The above studies are required by the OPW ahead of any proposed extensive coastal and flood intervention works in these Coastal cell areas. The studies will identify any appropriate measures to alleviate flooding and/or erosion for which funding can then be sought.

Investigation Stage:

Ventry Coastal Protection Scheme This scheme would involve land purchase in order to relocate an existing parking/layby area in Ventry village. KCC is progressing this scheme and identifying a suitable site. Preliminary agreement to purchase land is required in order to be able to estimate cost of scheme for funding application. It will require landowner consent/land purchase agreement prior to making funding submissions.

3. Public lighting

Public Lighting Report regarding Maintenance

No. of faults reported since last meeting: 33

No. of faults repaired within 12 working days: 27

No. of faults repaired outside 12 working days: 3

*Outstanding Repairs not completed within 12 working days - **None***

4. Hedge-cutting

Update regarding follow-up of Hedge-cutting Complaints

Hedge-cutting Complaints	
Number of complaints received:	<i>2 No. in Aug 2019</i>
	<i>11 No. in Sep 2019</i>
	<i>29 No. in Oct 2019</i>

	<i>10 No. in Nov 2019</i>
	<i>5 No. in Dec 2019</i>
Number Investigated	<i>57</i>
Number for follow up Action	<i>43</i>
Number of Notices Issued	<i>52 No. Formal Notices & 178 No. Advisory Letters</i>
Number cut by Landowner/Occupier Following Notices	<i>118 locations to date</i>
Number cut by KCC following non-compliance	<i>15 locations to be cut by KCC</i>
Number of Invoices Issued & value	<i>None to date</i>
Number not paid and referred to Law Agent	<i>None to date</i>

Charlie O’Sullivan
Director of Roads, Transportation & Marine

(b) Notices of Motion

- 1. Cllr. B. O’Connell:** That Kerry County Council immediately improves the footpath at Market Cross as it is a “trip and slip” hazard.

REPLY: Repair works will be carried out to the footpath at Market Cross in Quarter 1.

Cllr. B. O’Connell satisfied with response.

- 2. Cllr. B. O’Connell:** That Kerry County Council repairs the footpath and fencing at Lakeview, Currow without further delay.

REPLY: Repair work will be carried out to the footpath and fence at Lakeview, Currow in Quarter 1.

Cllr. B. O’Connell satisfied with response and the agreed timeframe.

- 3. Cllr. M. O’Shea:** To ask Kerry County Council to assist with the LIS application by **[Details with Directorate]** as this road is in a desperate condition and is being used by Irish Water on a frequent basis and I ask that this road gets priority on the list to be reconstructed in 2020.

REPLY: Kerry County Council is currently assessing all Local Improvement Scheme applications and for this particular scheme the use of the roadway for access to the Water Treatment Plant will be taken into consideration in the assessment.

Cllr. M. O'Shea satisfied with the response as the road is in a terrible state and would welcome improvements.

4. **Cllr. M. O'Shea:** To ask Kerry County Council to construct the demolished wall at the Church Car Park, Boolteens, Keel, Castlemaine.

REPLY: Kerry County Council will investigate the damaged wall at the Church Car Park, Boolteens, Keel, Castlemaine and price the repair works required.

Cllr. M. O'Shea welcomed the response.

5. **Cllr. M. O'Shea:** To ask Kerry County Council to take over a section of the Bawn Óg Road, Lispole (L12107) as this road is split – half owned by Kerry County Council and half privately owned.

REPLY: Kerry County Council currently has 3,924km of local roads. In previous reports presented to full Council, the condition of the road network was outlined along with the significant cost that would be required to bring these roads up to standard. Currently, over 50% of secondary and tertiary roads are classified as being in poor or very poor condition. Furthermore, given the rural nature of the county, the length of the road network per head of population is approximately 50% above the national average. The issue of taking roads in charge previously arose around 2012 and it was agreed in principle that where such roads serve community and public facilities that some consideration may be given to requests for taking in charge. However, in accordance with statutory provisions, the financial implications will need to be considered by members if the road is to be taken in charge.

The privately-owned section of the Bawn Óg Road, Lispole does not serve a community or public facility and the Department of Rural and Community Development Local Improvement Scheme is in place as an option to fund the improvements that may be needed on the private section of the road.

Cllr. M. O'Shea provided some background into the Road; it has been wrongly listed as a Private Road since the 1970s and runs parallel to the N86. The Road is 4km long, with just 1km of it that is privately owned. It is a historical case of road mapping error. **Cllr. M. O'Shea** satisfied that Roads will look at this and rectify the matter.

6. **Cllr. M. O'Shea:** To ask Kerry County Council to take immediate steps to address the flooding issues that affect Siopa Bácus, Cloghane, Brandon.

REPLY: Drainage works are planned to commence week ending 17th January 2020 to address the flooding issue at Siopa Bácus, Cloghane, Brandon. This work is being funded through a County Councillors Allocation.

Reply noted by **Cllr. M. O'Shea**.

7. **Cllr. C. Farrelly:** I would like to get an update from Kerry County Council about the Public Footpath that was proposed between Farranfore Village and the Farranfore Medical Centre by outgoing County Councillors.

REPLY: The Council are currently examining the feasibility of providing a footpath between Farranfore Village and the Medical Centre on the Fires Road. The Council will be consulting with Farranfore Community Group shortly on this matter.

Reply noted by **Cllr. C. Farrelly**, but he hopes that this is looked at as a matter of extreme urgency.

8. **Cllr. C. Farrelly:** I am calling on Kerry County Council to introduce a speed limit sign adjacent to the monument at Castlevue on the Cordal/Castleisland road. This is to reduce the speed of traffic approaching the busy junction to the three schools in College Road, the entrance to the Rugby Club and the entrance to An Ríocht Athletic Club. This has become a serious health and safety issue.

REPLY: The Council developed and made the “County of Kerry Road Traffic Speed Limit Bye Laws 2018” in accordance with the guidelines set down by Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport’s 2015 publication “Guidelines for setting and managing of Speed Limits in Ireland”. These Guidelines and the “Traffic Signs Manual” 2019 do not allow for use of repeater speed limit signs on regional and local roads in built up areas. On this basis a repeater speed limit sign cannot be erected in this location.

Cllr. C. Farrelly, noting the reply, stated that there is a huge issue with speed in the area and there needs to be a message communicated to drivers that the speed is serious here. **Cllr. B. O’Connell** seconded the motion and replied that Gardaí have a role to play here. **Ms. B. Mulryan** agreed that Kerry County Council shall engage with the Gardaí and to undertake a Traffic Speed Survey in the area.

9. **Cllr. C. Farrelly:** I am calling on Kerry County Council to create a number of lay-bys on the Lisheen Cross to Lyreacorrin cross in Gneeveguilla as there have been several incidents of cars leaving the road on this 1.5 KM stretch of road.

REPLY: There are a number of lay-bys and passing out spots already located along the Lisheen Cross to Lyraconnaig Cross section of roadway, however the construction of additional lay-bys are suitable for funding by means of County Councillors’ Allocations.

Cllr. C. Farrelly noted the response and would be happy to provide an Allocation for same. **Ms. B. Mulryan** replied that the updating of laybys to Lisheen Cross would feature on the 2021 Programme.

10. Cllr. F. Fitzgerald: Could Kerry County Council look at the issue of parking space at Knocknagoshel Graveyard. Space is very tight when a funeral is ongoing. The problem is especially exacerbated if agricultural work is ongoing at the same time.

REPLY: Kerry County Council will arrange to have the parking needs at Knocknagoshel Graveyard assessed as requested.

Noting the response, **Cllr. F. Fitzgerald** welcomed the assessment of the parking space at Knocknagoshel Graveyard.

11. Cllr. F. Fitzgerald: Could Kerry County Council consider returning to private ownership the eastern end of the L-6555-11 at Knockeens, West Cross. This small piece of road is now only used by one household and allowing them a private entrance would greatly improve security and safety.

REPLY: Kerry County Council will examine the roadway at Knockeens West Cross and will consider its return to private ownership.

Response welcomed by **Cllr. F. Fitzgerald**.

12. Cllr. F. Fitzgerald: Can warning signs for speed be erected at either side of the new GAA pitch in Ballymacelligott on the L-6544-10.

REPLY: The Council will conduct a speed survey in the vicinity of new GAA pitch in Ballymacelligott on the L-6544-10 and any signs considered necessary may be erected thereafter.

Response noted by **Cllr. F. Fitzgerald**.

13. Cllr. F. Fitzgerald: Could Kerry County Council consider increasing the amount of car parking available in Castleisland Town or give increased support to businesses providing car parking for the town. Footfall in the town greatly depends on easy car parking accessibility.

REPLY: Kerry County Council intend to carry out a parking review for Castleisland Town. There are currently 289 On-Street parking Spaces in the town and an additional 160 public parking spaces in carpark of Station Road. The need for additional parking will be examined as part of the review.

Response welcomed by **Cllr. F. Fitzgerald**, who stated he would be happy to take part with the parking review process. **Cllr. J. Healy-Rae** supported the motion.

14. Cllr. J. H. Rae: That the rising spring outside **[Details with Directorate]** be properly investigated. This water isn't coming from the adjacent land. It is rising on the road and in frosty cold weather the road is impassable and extremely dangerous.

REPLY: Both locations identified on the road at Banard, Gneeveguilla will be drained to the adjacent roadside drain in Quarter 1.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae satisfied with the response.

- 15. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae:** That remedial works be undertaken outside Knockanes Graveyard, Knocknagoshel. There is a lot of scrub that can be cleared outside the Graveyard to make more room for parking. Also, that the road from the football field to the Graveyard be skirted as tight to the ditch as possible.

REPLY: Kerry County Council will arrange to have the parking needs at Knocknagoshel Graveyard assessed as requested. Skirting works will be carried out from the football field to the graveyard Knocknagoshel in Quarter 1; however, the scrub area is private, and this cannot be cleared by the Council.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae welcomed the response. **EE Ms. B Mulryan** stated that some portion of the land is owned by a local farmer so it cannot be touched. However, the skirting works will be completed as requested.

- 16. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae:** That the wall in front of 2 houses in Cois hAbhainn Estate, Brosna, the houses at the front along the road, the wall is falling out and if not repaired will cause damage and could hurt someone. I ask that this matter be seen to immediately in the new year.

REPLY: This work is scheduled for February 2020.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae welcomed the response.

(c) Questions

- 1. Cllr. M. O'Shea:** To ask TII when will they carry out works in laying a new pavement overlay in Castlemaine village?

REPLY: Pavement Condition Surveys will be undertaken in 2020 in Castlemaine village to provide the necessary technical data to be included in the Technical Report (PARR Report) to be submitted to TII for consideration. It is hoped that there will be funding available to carry out improvements to this section in 2021/2022.

Response noted by **Cllr. M. O'Shea**.

- 2. Cllr. M. O'Shea:** To ask Kerry County Council and the TII to carry out immediate works at Annascaul village; i.e. road repairs.

REPLY: The pavement through Annascaul village will be reconstructed as part of the next phase of major improvements on the N86. The detailed design and Tender Documents are currently being prepared and subject to TII approval and the availability of the necessary funding, it is hoped that this work will commence in 2021.

Meanwhile Kerry Council will maintain the existing surface as far as funds allow.

Cllr. M. O'Shea welcomed the reply but stated that the village needs urgent attention. It is a tourist location, and a corridor to the County capital, Tralee. The current state of the road is appalling, and it is the last impression the tourist will have of the village. In reply, **EE Ms. B. Mulryan** stated that application has been made to the TII and improvements will be carried out in the meantime as resources allow.

3. **Cllr. M. O'Shea:** To ask TII what is the up to date position with the provision of the footpath between Tinahalla and Steelroe, Killorglin?

REPLY: This section of road was examined in 2019 to establish the feasibility of introducing a footpath along the N70 over this stretch of road. Owing to the constraints at the location, it will not be possible to introduce a footpath without boundary setbacks which entails land acquisition. Discussions are ongoing with TII about commencing a Minor Works Improvement Scheme at this location.

Response noted by **Cllr. M. O'Shea**.

4. **Cllr. M. O'Shea:** To ask the Director of Operations is the €100,000 in full spent on the Milltown Heritage Walk?

REPLY: The actual cost for the works on the Milltown Heritage Walk was €86,210 and this has been claimed in full from the Department of Rural and Community Development.

Reply was noted by **Cllr. M. O'Shea**. Querying regarding the Loop Walk that he proposed to be brought back into the Village, **MD Manager Mr. J. Breen** and **Ms. B. Mulryan** stated that Kerry County Council would investigate the possibility of a loop walk that is directed back into Milltown Village.

5. **Cllr. M. O'Shea:** To ask that Kerry County Council would liaise with the OPW and Parks and Wildlife to carry out road widening between Castlegregory Village and Spillane's Bar Maharees – The L5014.

REPLY: Apart from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport's multi-annual Restoration Improvement Programme which provides funding for the restoration of the surface, the only other grant which provides substantial road funding is the Specific Improvement Grant which was reinstated by the Department a number of years ago. However, Kerry County Council have received no indication from the Department that the funding available through this grant will be increased in the short to medium term to the level whereby significant improvement works such as road widening could be carried out along the L5014, between Castlegregory Village and Spillane's Bar Maharees.

Cllr. M. O'Shea noted the reply. In his opinion, he stated that this is the most dangerous stretch of road within the County and requires urgent attention. In response, **Ms. B. Mulryan** replied that Kerry County Council would examine the possibility of using some of his Councillor Allocation to remove some of the worst bends. **Cllr. M. O'Shea** agreed to this.

6. **Cllr. F. Fitzgerald:** Can the relevant authorities be asked to repair the manhole in Farranfore opposite The Fast food restaurant?

REPLY: The rocking manhole cover adjacent to the fast food restaurant in Farranfore will be addressed in Quarter 1 by Water Services.

Cllr. F. Fitzgerald welcomed the reply.

7. **Cllr. F. Fitzgerald:** Can the crash barriers on the L2015-102 and the L2015-82 be repaired? (Old Knocknagoshel road from Ballymacelligott past the old recycling centre).

REPLY: The crash barriers on the L2015-102 and the L2015-82 will be examined and a cost estimate will be prepared for the repair works.

Reply noted by **Cllr. F. Fitzgerald**.

8. **Cllr. B. Fitzgerald:** The road surface going through Annascaul Village is in a very bad state of repairs, when will work be carried out to improve this?

REPLY: The pavement through Annascaul village will be reconstructed as part of the next phase of major improvements on the N86. The detailed design and Tender Documents are currently being prepared and subject to

TII approval and the availability of the necessary funding, it is hoped that this work will commence in 2021. Meanwhile Kerry Council will maintain the existing surface as far as funds allow.

Reply noted by **Cllr. B. Fitzgerald.**

9. **Cllr. B. Fitzgerald:** What are the plans for the completion of the footpath to the new Kerry County Council Area Office in Dingle and public lighting to be in place along the existing footpath?

REPLY: There is no specific funding currently available to complete the footpath and lighting along this stretch of road. It can be considered for inclusion in the footpath programme for 2020.

Cllr. B. Fitzgerald satisfied with the response.

10. **Cllr. B. Fitzgerald:** Has Kerry County Council any plans to provide a sheltered bus stop in Dingle?

REPLY: A re-design of the original bus shelter is currently being examined by private enterprise. Following an acceptable design proposal, the shelter will be erected by Kerry County Council.

Reply welcomed by **Cllr. B. Fitzgerald.**

11. **Cllr. B. Fitzgerald:** Has Kerry County Council conducted an accessibility audit on bus stops within the Municipal District?

REPLY: Kerry County Council will contact the National Transport Authority in relation to conducting an accessibility audit on bus stops within the MD.

Cllr. B. Fitzgerald noted the response.

12. **Cllr. J. Healy-Rae:** Can drainage works be carried out at Kilquane, Cordal at the earliest opportunity?

REPLY: Drainage works will be carried out on the L-10724 Kilquane Road, Cordal in Quarter 1.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae satisfied with the response.

13. **Cllr. J. Healy-Rae:** Will this MD now form its own Roads Programme going forward, and if so, when?

REPLY: The 2019-2021 Roads Multi-Annual Improvement Programme, was adopted by the Council on the 15th October 2018. This programme contains the projects for the Castleisland and Corca Dhuibhne MD up to and including 2021. A list of the 2020 projects will handed out at the meeting and list of the 2021 projects will follow by e-mail.

The Council are currently in the process of making the 2020 Restoration Maintenance and Supplementary Restoration Maintenance Programme as notified to you earlier this month.

Details of the 2020 grant allocations from the Department of Transport Tourism & Sport for local and regional roads are currently awaited and will be forwarded to the elected members once received. An overview of the grant headings and the specific rules relating to each heading will also be provided

Following the formal announcement of the grants for Regional and Local roads the Draft Schedule of Municipal District Work Plan will be prepared for the MD. A briefing session will then be arranged on the Plan for your consideration.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae noted the response. He queried whether there would be a scope for more money. In response, **EE Ms. B. Mulryan** stated that if there is an extra allocation of funding it will go to the 2021 Roads Programme.

14. **Cllr. J. Healy-Rae:** That the humpback bridge halfway between the Post Office and Dromawaddra Road in Lyreacrompane be placed on a list for urgent remedial works in 2020, as the whole underneath of the bridge is eroding.

REPLY: Kerry County Council receive approximately €400,000 pa for bridge rehabilitation works. The bridges are prioritised for this programme based on the condition rating of the structure. The bridges are given a condition rating following a Principal Inspection.

A Principle Inspection will be carried out on the humpback bridge halfway between the Post Office and Dromawaddra Road in Lyreacrompane to determine its condition rating so that it can be included on a prioritisation list as funding becomes available.

20.01.15.06 Motions / Questions relevant to other Directorates or issues not relevant to Kerry County Council business

(a) Notices of Motion

1. **Cllr. M. O'Shea:** To ask the Minister of Education to assist Castlegregory national school in acquiring funding to construct a fully functional GP room as the current structure is not coping with the number of pupils attending.

REPLY: This is a matter for resolution by the Members.

It was agreed by the Members that correspondence will be issued to the Minister of Education requesting funding for a GP Room for Castlegregory NS. It is a 5 Teacher School with 140 students. The GP Hall is currently being used as a Classroom. The Motion was supported by Cllr. S. Cosáí Fitzgerald.

2. **Cllr. B. Fitzgerald:** That Kerry County Council write to the Minister for Education in relation to the provision of a General-Purpose Room for Castlegregory Mixed NS as a priority.

REPLY: This is a matter for resolution by the Members.

It was agreed by the Members that correspondence will be issued to the Minister of Education requesting funding for a GP Room for Castlegregory NS.

3. **Cllr. B. Fitzgerald:** That Kerry County Council write to the Minister with responsibility for our Fisheries and request that they publish their Fisheries Management Plan for the South West in light of the growing concerns of the fishing communities due to increase in Seals.

REPLY: This is a matter for resolution by the Members.

It was agreed by the Members that correspondence will be issued to the Department.

4. **Cllr. B. Fitzgerald:** That Kerry County Council write to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in relation to the charges that are being imposed on the fishing community in Dingle Harbour and request that a review be carried out immediately.

REPLY: This is a matter for resolution by the Members.

It was agreed by the Members that correspondence will be issued to the Department.

5. **Cllr. B. Fitzgerald:** That Kerry County Council contact NTA Ireland in relation to the proposed new bus service for Sleah Head and request a commencement date.

REPLY: This is a matter for resolution by the Members.

Members advised that Kerry County Council shall contact the respective bodies and request an update on the various matters.

(b) Questions

1. **Cllr. J. Healy-Rae:** Can an explanatory note be made up for especially new Councillors regarding the formal process in allocating Councillors Allocations?

REPLY: The policy and an explanatory note regarding the formal process in allocating Councillors Allocations will be handed out on the day of the meeting.

An explanatory note was given to the Councillors at the Meeting.

(c) Correspondence

1.	Letter dated 29 th November 2019, received from Mr Eoghan Murphy TD regarding the resolution adopted by the Members to ask the Minister to amend planning legislation to deal with bogus appeals and those without ties to a particular area – requested at the Castleisland-Corca Dhuibhne Meeting on 17 th September 2019.
2.	Letter dated 10 th December 2019, received from Three Customer Care, in relation to poor phone coverage and reception in Scartaglin.

(a) Matters arising from the Minutes as confirmed at 1 above

(b) Any Other Business

The Members agreed on the 2020 Municipal District Awards & Full Council Award nominations that are to be held on Friday 21st February next at the Great Southern Hotel, Killarney.

(c) To confirm dates for the following Ordinary meetings of the Castleisland-Corca Dhuibhne Municipal District in 2020:

- 11th March 2020, at Nagle Rice Community Centre, Milltown
- 20th May 2020
- 15th July 2020
- 16th September 2020
- 18th November 2020

The meeting concluded at 12:35pm.

Ms. J. McCarthy

Meetings Administrator

**Mayor of the Municipal
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